

Buffalo County



...experienced a 1.6% increase in population between 1990 and 2000, resulting in a 2000 total population of 13,804. In 2000, the county had 20.2 persons per square mile, a density much lower than the state as a whole. The median age in Buffalo County is 39.2, indicating a slightly older population than the State of Wisconsin, which has a median age of 36.0 years. The largest municipality is the City of Mondovi.

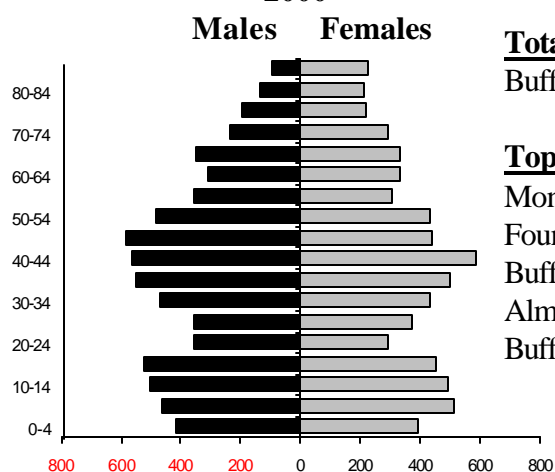
The median value of owner-occupied housing in Buffalo County is \$78,600. 4.5% of the housing units are seasonal, a value just below the state's average of 6.3%.

Farmland covers 70.4% of the county, while 42.9% of Wisconsin land is used for farming. The county is 43% forested and has 8 of the State's 15,057 lakes.

In Buffalo County, LaCrosse Milling Co. employs more workers than any other manufacturing firm, and Marten Transport, Ltd. is the largest non-manufacturing employer. The Government sector generates the largest share of the county's total personal income. Buffalo County's 1999 median household income was \$37,200.

Population

2000



Total

Buffalo County

1990

13,584

2000

13,804

Top Five Municipalities

Mondovi, City	2,494	Mondovi, City	2,634
Fountain, City	922	Buffalo, City	1,040
Buffalo, City	915	Fountain, City	983
Alma, City	839	Alma, City	942
Buffalo, Town	682	Buffalo, Town	667

Quality of Life

	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Buffalo</u>
Persons per Square Mile, 2000	98.8	20.2
Number of Staffed Hospital Beds, 1995	16,070	0
Average Birth Rate per 1,000 population, 2000	12.9	11.8
Public School Enrollment, 2000-2001	879,476	2,561
Number of 2000 Public High School Graduates	58,545	177
1999-2000 Public High School Dropout Rate	2.3%	1.8%

Vital Statistics

	<u>1990</u>		<u>2000</u>	
	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Buffalo</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Buffalo</u>
Birth Rate (per 1,000)	14.8	13.0	12.9	11.8
Death Rate (per 1,000)	8.7	10.7	8.7	8.9
Number of Marriages	38,934	106	36,100	89
Number of Divorces	17,727	36	17,337	38

Housing

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Total Number of Housing Units	5,586	6,098
Number of Single-Unit Structures	4,419	4,764
Number of Multiple-Unit Structures	636	844
Number of Single Units Permitted	32	(NA)
Number of Multiple Units Permitted	0	(NA)
Percent Seasonal Housing	3.7%	4.5%
Median Value, Owner-Occupied	\$43,000	\$78,600
Median Rent	\$202	\$320

Recreation

<u>1995 Number of:</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Buffalo</u>
Campgrounds	1,106	9
Campsites	75,367	383
Hiking Trails (in miles)	5,617	2
Mountain Biking Trails (in miles)	3,155	0
Cross Country Skiing Trails (in miles)	4,154	3
Snowmobile Trails (in miles)	14,896	172
Visitor Expenditures, 2000	\$11,046,539,344	\$17,713,741

Income

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Total Personal Income	\$124,892	\$208,101	\$342,959
Non-Farm Personal Income (in thousands)	\$101,530	\$187,038	\$341,804
Farm Income (in thousands)	\$23,362	\$21,063	\$1,155
Per Capita Income	\$8,711	\$15,349	\$24,813
Transfer Payments (in thousands)	\$18,386	\$32,637	\$51,189
Proprietor Income (in thousands)	\$29,876	\$29,139	\$28,437

Banking

<u>2000</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Buffalo</u>
Savings Institutions-Offices	396	0
Savings Institutions-Savings Capital (Millions)	\$12,761	\$0
Commercial Banks-Offices	1,720	10
Commercial Banks-Deposits (Millions)	\$62,618	\$214

Government Finance

<u>1997</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Buffalo</u>
Total Property Taxes Levied (in 1000's)	\$5,144,206	\$8,303
Effective per Capita Property Tax	\$997	\$584
Total Expenditures (in 1,000's)	\$17,139,825	\$36,131
In Dollars per Capita	\$3,322	\$2,542
As Percent of Total:		
Education	43.2%	49.0%
Health & Hospital	4.5%	3.6%
Police	5.0%	2.5%
Fire	2.3%	1.4%
Public Welfare	6.8%	5.8%
Highways	7.7%	20.8%

Retail, Service, Wholesale

<u>1997</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Buffalo</u>
Number of Retail Sales Establishments	21,717	46
Sales (in thousands)	\$50,520,463	\$45,656
Annual Payroll (in thousands)	\$4,826,217	\$3,767
Number of Service Establishments	55,618	113
Receipts (in thousands)	\$48,559,607	\$20,241
Annual Payroll (in thousands)	\$18,990,629	\$8,427
Number of Wholesale Establishments	8,025	17
Sales (in thousands)	\$57,192,863	\$47,640
Annual Payroll (in thousands)	\$3,764,944	\$4,163

Manufacturing**1997****Wisconsin****Buffalo**

Number of Establishments	9,936	(DS)
Number of Employees	562,479	(DS)
Total Payroll (in 1,000's)	\$18,766,395	(DS)
Production Workers, average number	416,254	(DS)
Production Worker Hours (in 1,000's)	837,444	(DS)
Production Worker Wages (in 1,000's)	\$11,952,570	(DS)
Value Added (in 1,000's)	\$54,947,083	(DS)
Value of Shipments (in 1,000's)	\$117,382,992	

2002 Top Employers**Top Five Manufacturing Firms****Number Employed****Product/Type of Business**

LaCrosse Milling Company	50-99	Prepared Feed and Ingredients
Foremost Farms U.S.A. Coop.	20-49	Natural & Processed Cheeses
Mondovi Foods Co. L.L.C.	20-49	Prepared Feed and Ingredients
Nelson Cheese Factory Inc.	20-49	Natural & Processed Cheeses
Brunkow Hardwood Corp.	20-49	Sawmills and Planing Mills

Top Five Non-Manufacturing Firms

Marten Transport, Ltd.	1000+	Trucking
Mondovi Public School	100-249	Elementary/Secondary School
Cochrane-Fountain City Public School	100-249	Elementary/Secondary School
County of Buffalo	100-249	Executive & Legislative Govt.
American Lutheran Homes Inc.	100-249	Skilled Nursing Care Facilities

Employment by Industry

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Mining	(L)	0	0
Construction	245	233	(DS)
Manufacturing	313	452	622
Transportation and Public Utilities	433	976	(DS)
Trade	1,174	994	1,403
Services	1,196	1,311	2,419
Government	905	902	1,022

Income by Industry

In Thousands:

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Mining	\$128	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$4,045	\$4,774	(DS)
Manufacturing	\$3,859	\$9,421	\$15,950
Transportation and Public Utilities	\$9,222	\$32,637	(DS)
Trade	\$11,217	\$12,496	\$22,128
Services	\$8,281	\$14,785	\$30,990
Government	\$11,083	\$19,915	\$34,445

Natural Resources

	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Buffalo</u>
Land Area (square miles)	54,310	684
Total Forest Land (in thousands of acres)	15,964.8	189.4
Commercial	15,702.5	185.3
Non-Commercial	262.3	4.1
Percent Land in Forests	46%	43%
Number of Lakes	15,057	8
Total Acreage of Lakes	982,155	196

Farming

<u>1997</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>Buffalo</u>
Number of Farms	65,602	1,000
Land in Farms (acres)	14,900,205	308,581
Average size of Farm (acres)	227	309
Sales by Selected Products (in 1,000's):		
Hay, Silage, and Field Seeds	\$106,572	\$1,690
Vegetables, Sweet Corn, and Melons	\$149,443	(DS)
Fruits, Nuts, and Berries	\$140,140	(DS)
Nursery and Greenhouse Crops	\$157,348	\$77
Poultry and Poultry Products	\$241,523	\$21,592
Dairy Products	\$2,746,950	\$52,091
Cattle and Calves	\$670,518	\$10,771
Hogs and Pigs	\$151,164	\$1,845

Notes:

(NA) - Not available

(DS) - Data suppressed; not shown to avoid disclosure of confidential information

(L) - Less than 10 persons employed in "Employed by Industry" or less than \$50,000 in "Income by Industry"

Number of Single-Unit Structures - Number of housing units standing alone

Number of Multiple-Unit Structures - Number of housing units connected to another structure, including other housing units

Percent Factory Jobs - Percent of employed persons working in factories

Services - Includes services and finance, insurance, and real estate

Trade - Includes retail and wholesale trade

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Table P001: Persons

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Table P1: Total Population

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Top Five Municipalities

QUALITY OF LIFE

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Persons per Square Mile

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Table 23: Number of Births by County of Residence

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Table 4: Monthly Marriage Totals by County

Table 6: Divorces and Annulments by County

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Table H1: Housing Units

Table H30: Units in Structure

Table H8: Vacancy Status

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Table H76: Median Value for Specified

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Table H56: Median Contract Rent

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Table CA05: Personal Income by Major Source and Earnings by Industry

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Table CA25: Total Full-Time and Part-Time Employment by Industry

Note: Data was compiled in March, 2003.

INCOME BY INDUSTRY

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Accounts Data, Local Area Personal Income

Table CA05: Personal Income by Major Source and Earnings by Industry

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Table 15: Hogs and Pigs: Inventory & Sales.

Table 16: Poultry: Inventory & Sales.

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